

GOSSIP OF THE AUTOS

Baltimore Preparing for Decoration Day Races.

THE 100-MILE RACE FEATURE

Entries for Events at Pimlico Are Closing Rapidly—Giant's Despair Hill Climb Promises Rare Sport, Touring Season Coming On—Vanderbilt Course Is Satisfactory.

Baltimore is rejoicing in expectation of an interesting race meet at Pimlico Park on Memorial Day. The promoters of the meeting, the Motor Car Racing Association, report that all events are filling rapidly, including the 100-mile race, which is the first long-distance race to be seen in that city.

This city had one a year ago, and there has been a great deal of interest felt in a race of this description in Baltimore ever since. This year, with Benning track not available for automobile speeding, Baltimore will have all the best of it. As a result, there will be a large coterie of Washington people, including some representatives of officialdom, at the Baltimore meeting.

Edward A. Cassidy, the racing secretary in charge of the meet, reports that there have been several reservations of space in the grand stand for members of the diplomatic corps. The governor of Maryland and the mayor of Baltimore will occupy boxes at the meeting. More than twenty special excursions to Baltimore have been organized for the day, and large contingents from many nearby cities will see the races.

Reports of numerous entries for the Decoration Day climb over the Giant's Despair Course at Wilkesbarre have cheered the members of the Wilkesbarre Automobile Club, and assured a meeting of rare importance and interest. Among those who have written to President George F. Lee, of the club, and to T. A. Wright, chairman of the racing committee, are the following Philadelphia concerns:

The Motor Shop will enter an Oldsmobile and a Starns; the Penn Motor Car Co., two Michels; the Pennsylvania Auto-Motor Co., two Pennsylvania cars; the Autocar Co., of Ardmore, three cars; including the German Benz, the Hamilton Autocar Co. will enter a Stoddard-Dayton roadster; Charles J. Swan will enter his Apperson "Jack Rabbit"; the Philadelphia Motor Car Co., a big and a little Frayer-Miller; the Ford Motor Car Co., a little Ford; the Chadwick Auto Co. will probably enter a Chadwick "Great Six."

With the close of the coming week, the touring season will be at its height. The spring interest in events of all sorts organized for the good of the trade and industry, was never higher than it is at present. How extensively this will be reflected in the buying of cars remains to be seen. At present, sales are reported as increasing in nearly all sections. Inquiries are much brisker than at any time since the first of the year.

The apparent settlement upon Long Island as the battle ground of the Vanderbilt race seems to be satisfactory to all except the local advocates of other courses. It is understood that June 1 will see the new course in process of preparation. In the meantime, there is a fair share of interest in the various tours, hill-climbs, Orphan Day celebrations, and races scheduled for Decoration Day, and the month of June. In nearly all quarters, programmes are filling well, and large fields are probable.

Work on the Acme racing car for the Vanderbilt Cup Race is going forward at the Reading factory as fast as possible. It is found that the car contemplated is to be a six-cylinder, with engine of special build, the cylinders to be of five-inch bore and with five-inch stroke. The car will follow in all essential features the regular stock Acme six-cylinder type. A rather odd situation has arisen in the detail of the use of Krupp chrome-nickel steel in the main frame of the car. This is the material regularly used by the company, but in view of the provision of the rules, which makes it obligatory to have racers constructed "in their entirety" in the country which they represent, it was found necessary to have a special ruling on this point. The Acme company has therefore asked for a ruling on this and several other points. The decision will undoubtedly be of much interest to other manufacturers, as well as the Acme company.

The management of the Wilkesbarre hill-climb to be held on Decoration Day, up the mountain course near that city known as Giant's Despair, has written to all the clubs within a radius of 200 miles, urging members to make touring parties to the scene of the climb on May 30.

Full descriptions of the roads to be used in reaching the city have been prepared and sent out to show prospective visitors the best methods of hill-climb.

It is announced that the committee, of which T. A. Wright is chairman, have obtained Robert Lee Morrell, chairman of the contest committee of the A. C. A., as referee of the Imperial Motor Car Co., of Williamsport, will be the starter. Both officials are well known and popular.

Mr. Morrell was the chairman of the committee in charge of the Briarcliff race, and Mr. Brandt was assistant clerk of the course for that event. The festival at Wilkesbarre include a parade and festival on the evening of the climb, and the special committee in charge of that part of the programme is said to be preparing some surprises for the visiting automobilists.

There will be no dearth of entertainment for out-of-town visitors, as there will be dinners and entertainments of various kinds. The entire town is making an effort to act as host, and is likely to succeed, to judge by the work of last year along these lines.

The application of Mrs. Joan Newton Cuneo to drive her car in the Jamaica (L. I.) speed trials, to be held in connection with the Subway Celebration on June 5, on Hillside Avenue, has been refused by the committee, in accordance with the rule of the racing board, which bars women from participation in racing events of all kinds.

The friends of Mrs. Cuneo feel aggrieved at the action, but under the rules no other decision could be made. It is said the ruling is substantially the same as that made in Europe, where women have been barred from all competitions of this character.

The absence of Mrs. Cuneo does not mean, however, that the meeting will be less interesting to the public at large, for there will be no dearth of good cars and drivers with reputations, and there will be fast time made at the mile, two miles, and the kilometer.

The use of the McMurry timing machine and the electric tapes will be a distinct novelty in this part of the country. They have been a feature of the armadillo meets, but have never been used in any speed events near New York. The timing is entirely automatic, the

SOLO WEINRIB MATCHED.

Local Boy Will Meet Young Britt in Baltimore June 1.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, May 23.—Solly Weinrib is matched to box Young Britt, the bantam champion of the South, for fifteen rounds June 1, at the Monumental Theater, Baltimore, for a \$250 side bet.

Bets have been posted with a local sporting man and forfeits have been posted. R. F. Bliven, of Washington, who manages Weinrib, signed articles for fifteen rounds at 117 pounds, ring-side, winner to take all.

Weinrib is in Washington and is getting in great shape. Weinrib beat Kid Murphy, of New York, the bantam champion, in eight rounds, before the Arena Athletic Club, of Baltimore, March 18.

Young Britt is the fastest and cleverest bantam in the South, and has won his last four battles by the knockout route. Both boys are clever, hard hitters, and the best bantam fight of the year is looked for, and as it is for the championship, it will arouse much interest among the Washington sports.

Pat O'Connor has been chosen as referee.

RACE CIRCUIT ENLARGED.

Cumberland Now in Central West Virginia Fair Association.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., May 23.—It was announced to-day that the Cumberland Racing and Fair Association will purchase all the land below the Western Maryland Railroad, in South Cumberland, which includes all of the tri-State race track, besides other property.

The races hereafter will be conducted under the auspices of the Central West Virginia fair and race circuit, of which Cumberland is to be a member. The circuit includes Pennsylvania, Elkins, Middlebourne, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Marietta, Ohio; Buckhannon, Wheeling, Parkersburg, and Fairmont, W. Va., and Mayersdale, Pa. Hagerstown, Frederick, and Baltimore will race the same horses, and are entered in this circuit. A new grand stand, besides other smaller buildings, are to be erected.

REFERENDUM IN CAR STRIKE.

Cleveland Employees Seek to Oust Mayor Tom Johnson's Company.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cleveland, May 22.—Delay in the effort to halt the strike of motormen and conductors of the Municipal Traction Company by submitting the men's grievances to arbitration was caused to-day by failure of the union leaders, State arbitration board, and members and officers of the company to agree on a third arbitrator until early this evening.

This delay prevented a vote by the strikers as to acceptance of the arbitrator and of the four questions to be arbitrated. The temper of the men tonight, as reported by their leaders, is against arbitration. A vote is to be taken to-morrow.

Union leaders to-day obtained more than 3,000 additional signatures to petitions that the franchise under which the Municipal Traction Company is operating all lines be submitted to a referendum. The union men now have obtained 9,000 of the 15,000 names necessary, and pressure of the strike does not come at once they will force an election.

Late to-night a message was received from the third arbitrator chosen, declining the place on the arbitration board. The arbitrator had declined to accept the position, and therefore delayed until another can be chosen, possibly to-morrow morning. A vote of the strikers may be had to-morrow if the selection is made early enough.

COWBOY FOR GOVERNOR.

Dahlman Will Campaign Nebraska with Vaudeville Quartet.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Omaha, Neb., May 22.—James G. Dahlman, Omaha's cowboy mayor, member of the Democratic National Committee, and trusted political friend of W. J. Bryan, announced to-day that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Nebraska, and that immediately after the Denver convention he will begin a thirty days' campaign in the State.

The Dahlman cowboy quartet, which campaigned with the mayor in the city during his fight for the mayoralty, will accompany him and sing wherever Dahlman makes an address. If he gets the nomination the quartet now in vaudeville will stay with him until election.

FLIES A THOUSAND FEET.

Heavier-than-air Aeroplane Under Control of Aviator.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hammondsport, N. Y., May 22.—Glenn H. Curtiss, in the Baldwin aeroplane, "Whitewing," made a flight of 1,017 feet in nineteen seconds, and, with the exception of the dropping of a bolt, no damage was done to the aeroplane. Mr. Curtiss had perfect control of the machine throughout, and the steering was accomplished with ease.

Leut. Thomas Selfridge said that the flight to-day would settle any doubts as to the aeroplane being practical.

Flights are planned for to-morrow, and all the members of the Aerial Experiment Association expect to act as aviators once or twice.

GOULD IS OPTIMISTIC.

Industrial Situation Improving and Railroads Follow Suit.

New York, May 22.—George J. Gould is moderately optimistic in regard to the business outlook. He said to-day:

"The industrial situation has improved considerably. While there is not an abundance of tangible evidences, I believe that the worst has passed. The railroads are the key to the situation, and every day sees them nearer to a solution of their financial problem."

"The Pennsylvania Railroad's financing recently is only the first indication of a wider development that will embrace the railroads generally."

SHURLOFF AND EVANS FIGHT.

Chicago Newspaper Man Hit by the Speaker of Illinois House.

Springfield, Ill., May 22.—Speaker Shurloff and J. C. Evans, representing a Chicago morning paper, which to-day denounced Shurloff, had a fist fight this afternoon in the Leland Hotel lobby. The trouble grew out of Shurloff's barring Evans from the floor of the house to-day because of the article he wrote.

When the two men met Shurloff called Evans "a liar," accompanying the epithet with a blow. Evans struck at him, and failed to land. Shurloff then got in one before bystanders rushed in and separated the two.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad to The Washington Herald, and bill will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

INTERIOR TEAM OF DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.



Back row—Townsend, rt; Duganne, sr; Lewis, lb; Harveycenter, sb. Sitting—Udell, p; Dawson, c; Rohman, p; Barnhart, p-2b; Sutton, lf; Carr, cf; Goldy, mascot.

THE ALLEN, GAMBLER

Strange Career of Man Who Thought He Was Right.

BATTLE AGAINST RACE TRACKS

Fifty Years One of the Most Notorious Characters in New York City. Taught Game at Age of Eight Years—Innumerable Raids and Indictments of His Poolroom.

With the death of Theodore Allen in New York a day or two ago, there passes a man who for nearly seventy years lived under the reputation of the most notorious crook in the city. Being seventy-seven years old when he died, that means that "The" Allen began at eight a life that is rarely equaled for its spectacular contrasts.

He kept a gambling den for years; and was loved by his family. He was arrested nearly 150 times; and poor people blessed him for the good that he did. He was once famous as a champion fighter in saloon brawls; and he served out the war of the rebellion with honor.

For years he defied the law of New York with his poolroom; and at the same time he was buying coal for Mrs. McCarthy whom he did not know, was decently burying Dennis O'Sullivan who was not dear to him, and performing a thousand acts of modest kindness. And peppered over those striking moral contrasts were events of a more or less dramatic character, that made his life, from one end to the other, a curious spectacle.

Allen's innumerable arrests. Something of Allen's relations with the authorities can be gained from the records, which show he had been indicted time and again; that he had been arraigned in the police court nearly 150 times; that he had been in the Appellate division of the Supreme Court three times; that he had been in the Court of Appeals twice; and that he had been in the Federal courts twice.

Then two years ago he was forced to give up, and told District Attorney Jerome that he was through forever with his particular trade. Two years before that he was hammering the table and declaring he would keep up the fight as long as there was breath in his body.

Allen always protested that he hated gambling, and that his form of it broke no law.

The day came when he said to Jerome: "I am through. I would have quit long ago, as I have made all the money I need—more than I will ever have need for—but I didn't feel like backing down under fire."

"I always thought the Percy-Gray law unconstitutional and that to fine or imprison me for violating it while other gamblers were violating it every day under the protection of the authorities was the rankest kind of injustice. That was why I hung on."

"My family begged me for years to give up the business. The shame and worry of seeing me continually exploited in the newspapers as the wickedest man in New York drove my wife to her grave."

"They say that I am a lawbreaker, and I suppose we will have to let it go at that. You will never hear again of a raid on The Allen's."

Beginning of His Career. Allen himself told the story of his introduction to gambling—at the age of eight—in this way:

"At that time," he once told an interviewer, "I was put to work with Jacob Vanderbilt, the leading tailor of the city. One day I was sent to deliver a uniform to Gen. Winfield Scott, who was staying at the Astor House. He intended to wear it in a parade next day."

"When I arrived in front of the Astor House with the big parcel I saw a confectioner's stand at the corner and went there to spend a penny. On the corner I got into a quarrel with a newsboy and we went at it. In the course of our struggle my package fell into the mud and was run over by a passing carriage."

"The uniform was ruined, and I knew I would catch it. But a man who had been standing on the curb told me not to worry. He said he had seen the whole thing and that I was in the right, and he went with me to Vanderbilt's to explain matters."

"He paid for the damage, and I could have kept my place, but I liked him so well that I jumped at the chance he offered me to come to 8 Barclay street the next day. There was a gambling house there then, as there has been ever since. The man who hired me turned out to be William Dancer, then the richest gambler in the United States. I remained with him until I was a man—grew up in the business."

"I mighting on was a tailor instead of got into the 'The' Allen if he had not been for that accident to Gen. Scott's uniform."

Barroom Scrapper. Besides being known to the police as a gambler, The had the reputation of being one of the most successful barroom scrapper in New York. He was described as having the trick of poking a lighted cigar butt into the eyes of his opponent before the other fellow could get in a blow, and as using glasses, chairs, or any other barroom furniture that was handy when he was attacked.

He was a small man and wiry, but all who knew him agree he never was afraid of anything that stood in shoe leather. He never drank, and was always cool.

Ed. Molloy, The's partner, was shot-and

MANY ENTRIES FILED

Preston School Meet Events Fast Filling Up.

INTEREST BY BALTIMOREANS

City College, McCulloch Athletic Club, and Cross Country Club Athletes Will Compete in Decoration Day Games at National Park—Central and Tech Will Be Represented.

The entry list for the outdoor meet next Saturday at the American League Park, under the auspices of the Preston University School, of this city, are coming in rapidly.

Baltimore is taking a deep interest in the affair, and the Baltimore City College, through its physical director, A. C. Levering, has promised twenty men. In order to accommodate him, as well as the men at the Central High School of this city, it has been found expedient to add a special open hurdle race of 220 yards. This race should prove a fine affair, as it will be so arranged that a straightaway course will be mapped out, and the timber tappers will be in full view of the audience all the way. The McCulloch Athletic Club of Baltimore will have some entries.

The Cross Country Club of Baltimore, which so handsily won the cross-country hunt of the Bloomingdale Athletic Club, of this city, has written for more blanks, and is determined to win the cup offered for the team obtaining the highest number of points in the two-mile event.

Point Scoring Arranged. In order not to handicap the contestants too severely, the men coming in first, second, and third in this two-mile affair will be permitted, if they are running under a club's colors—that is, trying for the point trophy—to total the number of points obtained in the two-mile run, for the point trophy.

Central High School, of this city, will be strongly represented. Capt. Dick has not decided the number of men that he will enter in the sprints, but it is safe to say that he and Claggett and Cheney will appear. Hamilton has been traveling in line shape, and is booked for the hurdles.

For the mile, Hildebrand, who ran such a strong race at the Interhigh school games last week, will be the favorite. In the half-mile, Claggett, Dick, Rose, and Harvey will be seen. They are all in fine physical condition.

In the weights, Sprangy and Tweedy are entered. Coach Foley is well satisfied with the way the men are working. Central will have a good starter in the two-mile, but his name has not been given out as yet, as he is somewhat of a dark horse.

Technical Entries.

Technical will not be far behind the wearers of the blue and white. In Thrall, the McKinley School has one of the best athletes that Washington has boasted of in recent years. He is a strong, powerfully built, and well conditioned athlete, and will be in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. He won both of these events at the Interhigh school meet. Leper will be his traveling partner, and is going in fine form. Jacob will be named for the hurdles.

In the half-mile Corridon and Hodges will run as a team. In the running high jump Janis and Ballantine have been determined upon. The shot-put will have Ellis, McCarthy, and Brewster.

Georgetown's men have been in training since the announcement of the meet, and Dr. Reilly has the squad narrowed down to the men that he will send in the events. In the sprints, Martin, who is regarded by Reilly as the fastest man that he has had at Georgetown since Setts's time, and Gibbs, a freshman, are the entrants. In the quarter, Gibbs, Cobb, and Mohr will start. Fred Rice will be the man in the 30-yard dash. Georgetown will have a very strong team, and if arrangements can be completed will meet the University of Virginia.

Setts, the New York Athletic Club star, is going well and from the best reports is doing well under Bernie Weisberg at Travers Island. If Reilly can be persuaded to meet Setts, Washington may have an opportunity to see the Southern flyer, who has been credited with the remarkable time of 9.25 seconds for the century.

This race, if it can be arranged, should prove a good one, as both boys are favorites in the city. Reilly among the University of Virginia Alumni, and Setts among the Georgetown coterie.

Soldiers' Relay Team. The National Guard will send in its fast relay team. This is made up of Schlosier, Rice, Royce, and Bopp. This team will be pitted against some fast aggregation.

The Preston University School has a number of lads in training, and some of the youngsters are showing strongly. The closed 100 and 220-yard dashes for the school alone will have the following as starters: Dove, Morgan, Wilmer, Brice, Pierce, Pratt, Chandler, Milnor, Ross Thompson, and McCulloch. In the 160-yard dash, open and handicap, Preston Porter, Bowers, and Ward. In the high jump Ward and Ramey will contest. Porter will be in all likelihood in the 600. In the shot-put Corby and J. W. Thompson are among those from the school. Corby is a promising boy.

A baseball game between two of the best teams that can be found in amateur fandom will be on the carpet for the latter part of the afternoon, and as the two teams that are being considered always draw well, a large crowd of friends will be on hand to welcome them.

SUES TO INVOLVE CALHOUN.

Small Stockholder in San Francisco Road Reopens Grant Case.

San Francisco, May 22.—A curious suit was brought here to-day by Joseph A. Sullivan against ex-Boss Ruel and the United Railroads. It looks like an effort on the part of the prosecution to drag into court President Calhoun and the other officers of the railroad whom Prosecutor Heney has been vainly endeavoring to get in the witness stand.

Sullivan, who owns only a few shares of stock, sues to recover his share of \$200,000, which, he alleges, was paid by Calhoun, through T. L. Ford, to supervisors as bribes for granting the overhead trolley franchise. He includes as defendants ex-Boss Ruel, the United Railroads, and the United Railroads Investment Company of New Jersey.

What makes the suit look like a fishing expedition of the graft prosecution is the fact that the supervisors are not included among the defendants, although they admitted receiving half of the \$200,000.

SPECIAL SESSION AT MANILA. Assembly Adjourns, but Is Immediately Called to Meet Again. Manila, May 22.—The first regular session of the assembly adjourned last night, and a special session was called by the governor to meet to-day to finish the House's consideration of the appropriation bills.

The indications are that the assembly bill providing for a reduction of one-third in the salaries of the employees of the government bureau will not be agreed to by the Philippine Commission. The assembly passed the bill before adjourning the regular session.

It is understood that the commission will agree that the cut in salaries will become effective when the successors to the present appointees are appointed, but will refuse to reduce the salary of any employee now. The special session cannot continue more than thirty days.

ONE YOUTH AND 272 MAIDS.

Just Imagine Yourselves in the Unenviable Position of This Chap!

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Be the only man guest at a reception to be given by 272 girls; give return dance all by himself to the 272 girl graduates; march alone in the procession with 272 girls before the assembled friends of the graduates; uphold alone the honors of the school at the annual athletic tournament.

Walsh is an athlete, but he is said to shrink before this stultifying programme.

LINER GETS THREE RECORDS.

Lusitania Balked by Fog from Averaging Twenty-five Knots.

New York, May 22.—But for a barrier of fog on the last night of her remarkable trip from Queenstown, the Cunard Lusitania, fleetest of merchantmen, would have averaged twenty-five knots, and possibly a fraction more, thus verifying the prophecy of the experts in the Cunard office.

Even as it was, however, she won glory than any other ship on a single run. She beat the best run for a nautical, or noon to noon day of twenty-five hours on Wednesday, covering 632 miles; she made the swiftest trip on record over the long course of 2,888 miles, covering it in 4 days, 20 hours, and 22 minutes, and her hourly average was 24.83 knots.

The line, therefore, is fairly content, although it missed coming up to the top notch of expectation by a mere fraction of a knot.

HUGHES STAYS IN RACE.

Headquarters Opened for the Governor at Auditorium Annex.

Chicago, May 22.—Andrew R. Humphrey, secretary of the National Hughes League, opened Hughes headquarters at the Auditorium Annex, and announces that he is to remain here until after the convention. In a statement issued this morning he claims 126 delegates for Hughes on the first ballot. The statement says:

"All efforts to make it appear that Gov. Hughes name will not be presented to the convention have failed. He will receive at least 125 votes on the first ballot, and we believe will steadily gain until the fourth or fifth ballot, when we expect he will be nominated."

What He Meant. Park row at 1 a. m. and a policeman and a sailor in conversation, says the New York Times.

"Keyside, keyside!" said the sailor. "Ow will he reach the bloomin' key-side?"

"Gwan wile ye. D'ye think I'm a key-smith, that I know about yer old key and its side? There's one key and lock I'll be after givin' ye, and that's to a cell. Move on, now."

"Keyside!" He said keyside as plain as he could, blimey!

Just then a highboy who had been to the post-office buying stamps so that his rejected contributions would come back to him, stepped up.

"The man wants the keyside, whatever that is, and I dunno," said the policeman. "I believe he's looney and I'll run him in."

"He wants the keyside—the docks," said the highboy, as he directed the man to the water front, while the policeman said:

"Well, I'll be—!"

QUAKER TEAM WINS

Washington Is Defeated in Tennis Match.

PHILADELPHIA OUTFIT STRONG

Veteran Players Have Little Trouble in Disposing of the Pick of the Crack Tennis Players of This City in Both Singles and Doubles—Doyle and Hills Winners—The Summaries.

In the intercity tennis match yesterday between Washington and Philadelphia, at the Chevy Chase Club courts, the Washington team was defeated in the singles 6 sets to 2, and in the doubles 3 sets to 1. C. B. Doyle and Ralph Hills, of the Washington team, were the only ones to win their sets in the singles, and in the doubles Glazebrook and Davidson were the only pair able to defeat the visitors.

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